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		Phase 'A') and also Barapani is connected to Jowai through Shillong and in this way the 4—lane connectivity from Barapani to Jowai is proposed to be established. Further, 4 laning from Jowai to Churaibari is included under National Highway Development Project (NHDP-III) and Churaibari to Agartala is included under Special Accelerated Road Development Programme for North East (SARDP-NE) Phase 'A'. NHAI has undertaken the preparation of Detailed Project Report (DPR) from Jowai to Agartala.
7.	Gangtok	There is no proposal to upgrade NH—31A connecting Gangtok to 4 lane standards. However, an alternate 2 lane highway (in addition to NH 31A) has been approved by the Government.

(f) The project preparation exercise has not been completed and therefore, it is too early to indicate the details of the alignment of 4—lane.

(g) Does not arise.

Stamp on Kalaguru Bishnu Prasad Rabha

*152. KUMAR DEEPAK DAS: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has assured that release of postal stamp of Kalaguru Bishnu Prasad Rabha during his Birth centenary is under process;

(b) whether Government has taken any steps to release such a postal stamp by 20th January, the last day of centenary celebration; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Department of Posts will issue a commemorative postage stamp on Kalaguru Bishnu Prasad Rabha in 2009. As per the request of government of Assam, the stamp will be released on 31st January, 2009 on the Centenary Day of Kalaguru Bishnu Prasad Rabha.

(c) Does not arise.

Salary to coaches and selectors

*153. SHRI N.R. GOVINDARAJAR: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether coaches and selectors of Hockey hold honorary positions and are not entitled for salary for their services;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether there is any proposal to pay coaches and selectors as per foreign model where coaches are paid and treated as professionals and make them more responsible and accountable?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS SPORTS (DR. M.S. GILL): (a) to (c) The coaches engaged for training the national teams, including Hockey, do not hold honorary positions. They are paid salary and allowances by respective organizations. The coaches who are either employees of SAI or on deputation to Sports Authority of India (SAI) are paid salary and allowances by SAI. The Coaches who are employed in some other organization but imparting training to Indian teams are paid salary by their respective organizations.

The National Coaches appointed by SAI are paid a consolidated remuneration of Rs.15,000/- per month under the existing Scheme of Assistance to National Sports Federations which has been enhanced to maximum of Rs.50,000 per month under the new scheme launched recently for the preparation of Indian Teams for Commonwealth Games, 2010.

Apart from this there is also a provision for appointing foreign coaches as and when required.

As far as selectors are concerned, these are honoary posts appointed by the concerned National Sports Federations or the empowered body.

Energy generating plants

†*154. DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI:
SHRI SHIVANAND TIWARI:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the atomic energy generating plants in the country had been generating energy below their installed capacity on account of non-availability of uranium for last few years;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the percentage of capacity utilised during the years 2005-06, 2006-07 and 2007-08, respectively; and

(d) the respective percentage of the escalation of production costs due to under utilisation of the capacity?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI PRITHVIRAJ CHAVAN): (a) Yes Sir.

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.